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## FRESH PLOT AGAINST PRESIDENT-ELECT

### CHURCH CLUB DEMANDS WHIPPING-POST HERE

St. Andrews' Men Adopt Resolutions To Urging Legislation To Establish Punishment Of Lash For Criminals Convicted Of Assaulting Girls Of Tender Age--Other Congregations Taking Movement Up.

Resolutions advocating the establishment of the whipping-post in Honolulu for the punishment of crime against girls of minor years or immature age were adopted unanimously at a meeting of the Church Club of St. Andrews' Cathedral, Episcopate, on Tuesday night. With some fifty members of the club present, G. H. Buttolph offered resolutions calling for the whipping-post here, and the club went without a dissenting vote on record as favoring the plan.

It was learned today that there is a rapidly-growing movement among churchmen in Honolulu of several denominations to secure the passage of a law by the next legislature that will allow the sentencing to be whipped of men convicted of assaulting minors or girls of immature age. It is stated that the subject will be presented to several congregations or to church clubs in which both ministers and laymen participate, and it is felt that sentiment on the subject indicates that there will soon be other organizations to take action similar to that of the Church Club.

James Wakefield, president of the Church Club, this morning said that he heartily indorses the club's action and feels that a method is presented of checking some of the unspeakable crime concerning which public sentiment has recently become so strongly aroused.

The resolutions as passed by the club will be forwarded to the committees named by Bishop Restarick as the result of the mass meeting at the Bijou theatre on the evening of December 1. This committee is authorized to consider means of checking the crimes against women and young girls, and the establishment of the whipping-post is one of the means suggested by the Church Club.

"We realize fully the disagreeable features involved in carrying out such a suggestion, and members of the club had considered the matter carefully before action was broached at the meeting on Tuesday night," said Mr. Wakefield this morning, "but we feel also that the whipping-post will help to stop this evil and that the greater good to the community outweighs the argument against reverting to what has been an abandoned form of punishment."

Mr. Wakefield referred also to the radical reforms that have been effected in England through the reestablishment of the whipping-post for grave offenders.

### FREAR SUBJECTS NEW HILO CARLINE TO COMMISSION

Governor Requires Clause in Conness License Putting the Rates Up to Utilities Body

"All rates charged for power by the licensee, or by any person or corporation operating in connection with said licensee shall be subject to control by a commission, composed of three men appointed by the Governor and which shall be superseded by a public utilities commission," that may come into being later.

This, in effect, is perhaps the most conspicuous and interesting feature of the franchise which Governor Frear and L. S. Conness have been formulating the last few days, intended to give to the new street railway of Hilo the use of water from the Wailuku river.

The form of the franchise is practically complete now, and advertisement of its sale at public auction will be given shortly. The sale probably will take place during the latter part of January.

"Mr. Conness and I have virtually agreed upon all the terms," said the Governor today, "though there were a few details he wanted inserted that have been eliminated, and a few inserted that did not have his hearty approval."

The clause mentioned above may be one of those to which the Hilo editor and railway promoter did not give his "heartly approval." It is plain and unequivocal. It means just what it says, that the rates of the company using the water of the Wailuku river for generating electric power shall be regulated by a special commission. This commission shall continue to regulate the company's rates until a public utilities commission materializes. The latter is expected to be authorized by the coming legislature, but if it is not, the commission appointed by the Governor shall continue its duty.

Other portions of the franchise provide for the return of the water to the river in good condition, after the company has used it; for the protection of all private rights which may be affected by the taking of the water from the stream, and for actual work of construction on the power plant to begin within a year from the date of the sale of the franchise, this last-mentioned clause carrying a heavy penalty for failure to comply with its provisions; for the payment of a certain fee to the territory annually for the first ten years and privilege of renewals for another ten year term at the expiration of that period, when the rate of rental may be altered, and for the purchase of the franchise and entire power plant by the county of Hawaii for a satisfactory consideration any time after twenty years.

### BELIEVED MAHUKA CASE MAY BE COMPROMISED

A further continuance of twenty-four hours was granted by U. S. District Judge Dole this morning in the Mahuka site hearing, at the request of District Attorney Breckons. No explanation is made publicly by Breckons for asking this apparent delay in the case, and it is to be presumed that the negotiations for the settlement of the suit out of court are in earnest progress.

### REAR ADMIRAL COWLES TO PACIFIC FLEET TO BE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF NEXT FEBRUARY

Will Leave Honolulu Feb. 21 After More Than Two Years as Commandant of Local Naval Station—Has been Guiding Spirit of Pearl Harbor Work and Loss Will Be Felt. Successor Not Named

Rear Admiral Walter C. Cowles, commandant of the Honolulu naval station since December 14, 1910, has just received cabled orders which will relieve him from his command here on Feb. 21 next, and which promote him to be commander of the United States Pacific fleet. The goal of every flag officer of the navy, to fly his two-starred blue flag afloat, will have been reached by Admiral Cowles within a few months.

While Admiral Cowles expected to be relieved here some time next summer, he had no idea what command was in store for him, or that his orders for sea duty would come so soon. He takes the place of Rear Admiral W. H. H. Southerland as chief of Uncle Sam's floating fighters in the Pacific, his orders being to sail from here between the 21st and the 25th of February, or as near those dates as practicable, and to take over the command of the fleet at San Francisco on arrival there.

It is not known what officer will be sent here to assume command of the Honolulu naval station, and the important naval work which is going on at Pearl Harbor, but the opinion prevails in local naval circles that some captain who has made his captain's cruise, and who has two or three years to wait for his stars, will assume the reins of government. It is possible, however, that another rear admiral will come to Honolulu.

Busy Town Here.

Admiral Cowles has been closely identified with Pearl Harbor, many preliminary details of the great naval project having been carried out by him. He has seen the new station grow from a mere channel dredging project to one of the most extensive and important naval undertakings ever attempted by the United States or any other government. The drydock, coaling plant, barracks and industrial buildings are now well on the road to completion, and within another year the commandant and other officers stationed in Hawaii will be living at Pearl Harbor, and the yard will be in partial operation.

"I am sorry to leave Honolulu," said Admiral Cowles, this morning. "I like the place, and I like the people, and my work here has been some of the most interesting that I have ever had to do during my naval career. I am sorry not to see Pearl Harbor further along toward completion, but when a naval officer is ordered to sea duty he goes, and of course I am getting a fine command. I shall always feel a warm personal interest in Hawaii, and I am sure that my successor, whoever he may be, can not help but like the station as I have liked it."

Mrs. Cowles and Miss Cowles are expected to return tomorrow on the transport, after a visit to the mainland. They will probably leave here with Admiral Cowles, and take up their residence either in San Francisco, or Washington, D. C., for the present.

It is thought that Admiral Southerland's relief sooner than was expected may be due to the splendid work which he has recently done in Nicaragua, and that he has been tendered the offer of some higher command.

### LT. SHERIDAN IS INJURED AT JUMPS

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Dec. 12.—Another cavalry officer has been injured on the sloopcase course while schooling his mount for the much-talked-of Russian ride, that of the mounted service are required to take as a test of horsemanship. This morning, while taking his horse over the hedges and ditches that form the obstacles of the course, First Lieutenant Philip Sheridan, Fifth Cavalry, "came a cropper" and visors told him to "go way back and while on the ground received a kickst down," or words to that effect, from his mount which resulted in a fractured collar bone. He was taken to the post hospital, where his hurtful department must struggle along in being attended. The injury, while best it may until the exchequer is painful, is not serious, and no complications are feared, although Sheridan will be out of the saddle for some time to come, and will of course not be able to take the test with his brother officers.



Walter C. Cowles, Rear Admiral, U. S. N., who is ordered from Honolulu to the command of Uncle Sam's battleships in the Western Ocean.

### Tax Rate For 1914 May Be Put Way Up

The tax rate for 1914 may be increased from the present rate of 1.1 per cent to 1.5 per cent, for the island of Oahu, while the rate for the other islands may be boosted to 1.75 per cent.

So at least think the Territorial Treasurer Lloyd Conkling who in an interview given to the Star-Bulletin, this morning, said:

"If the school budget as submitted to the board of estimate is passed by the coming legislature the tax rate may go up in 1914 from three to four tenths of one per cent on Oahu and from five to six tenths of one per cent on the other islands. The increase next year, 1913, will be slight so slight that it will not be noticed, something like .03 of one per cent."

### MORE POLICEMEN ARE NECESSARY ASSERTS SHERIFF

There was a general demand for more and still more men from the police department and from the building and plumbing inspector at the meeting of the incoming board of supervisors held last night. Sheriff Jarrett was the man who pleaded hardest for an increase of his department. He wants another detective sergeant to keep watch at the police station and at least four more men for his detective force.

In speaking of the needs of his department the sheriff told the embryo solons that it is impossible for him to meet all the calls made upon the police force. He declared that frequently he has found himself all alone in the police station at night, all his men on beat or out on calls and that under such circumstances emergencies might arise which he would be powerless to meet. He also asked for more men to do patrol duty, declaring that his present force is not nearly sufficient. He also asked for a scale clerk, to do office work as well. He told the solons the job would pay for itself.

After listening to what the sheriff had to say the next board of supervisors told him to "go way back and while on the ground received a kickst down," or words to that effect, from his mount which resulted in a fractured collar bone. He was taken to the post hospital, where his hurtful department must struggle along in being attended. The injury, while best it may until the exchequer is painful, is not serious, and no complications are feared, although Sheridan will be out of the saddle for some time to come, and will of course not be able to take the test with his brother officers.

Mr. Whilstein, the city building and plumbing inspector told the caucus to come, and will of course not be able to take the test with his brother officers.

### New Horns To Toot For His Honor Tonight

Captain Berger has at last taught his new horns how to toot. Tonight he will show His Honor the Mayor just how well they can do when the Hawaiian band plays them, and incidentally he will try out a new march, entitled "Hanawaki," composed by himself, another number will be "The Mayor And The Supervisor." Other features of the concert are being held a profound secret by the band master, so if you want to know just what's what in the latest musical line back at Berlin and Vienna better get down to the city hall at seven thirty o'clock tonight.

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### ASSESSOR DEALS BLOW TO HOPES OF LOWER TAXES

Those good people of Honolulu who, taking the statement from Tax Assessor Wilder published in the Star-Bulletin last week, to the effect that the assessments on the sugar plantations of the Territory would drop several millions of dollars during the coming year, hoped that the real and personal taxes of the city and county be reduced also, will have to abandon their hopes and prepare themselves to pay on the same assessments next year that they did this.

Speaking of his statement Mr. Wilder said this morning, "It is true that the taxes on the plantations will probably be lower in 1913 than in 1912, as I pointed out last week. But I see no reason why this reduction could apply to the real and personal property in Honolulu, for instance."

"Of course if it can be shown that the drop in the stock market affecting the prices of sugar stocks was a permanent drop and so had a general effect throughout the Territory, lowering the value of all property, then other property would fall proportionately. If sugar, say, should sell at two cents a pound, every bit of land in the territory would feel the effects of once and the taxable value of property would fall accordingly. As it is, however, there is nothing in the present state of affairs to indicate that."

"Of course it is true in a way that a drop in the market quotation of sugar stocks does not affect the real value of the plantations, but it is also true that if this office attempted to ignore the market figures and put an

### YOUTH THREATENS TO KILL WILSON

Boy Of Seventeen Arrested In New York By The United States Secret Service Men, Charged With Conspiring To Murder The President-elect--Huge Revolver, Fully Loaded, Found On The Lad When Detectives Nab Him--He Makes Desperate Struggle When Apprehended

[Associated Press Cable]

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Another plot to murder President-elect Woodrow Wilson was unearthed by the United States secret service men today, when they arrested Herman Steinberg, a half-crazed boy seventeen years old, who is held on a charge of having threatened the life of Mr. Wilson. When arrested the youth was armed with a heavy revolver, fully loaded. He made a desperate struggle when the detectives appeared and it was with difficulty that the officers got him to the Tombs.

WILSON MUST TESTIFY

NEWARK, New Jersey, Dec. 12.—Governor Wilson was today subpoenaed to testify against the three woodchoppers who were arrested by the New York police force, charged with having sent the President-elect a black-hand letter threatening to murder him if he did not pay them \$5,000. He will appear in court as soon as possible. The summons requires his presence Tuesday.

### Austria Alarms Europe By Her War Preparations

[Associated Press Cable]

PARIS, FRANCE, Dec. 12.—Captains of the great Powers of Europe were alarmed today when it was learned that the government of Austria is preparing to dismiss Parliament and promulgate the proposed military bills under the emergency clause of the constitution. It is believed that if the Dual-Monarchy takes this step that Serbia, expecting the war will undoubtedly take the initiative and force Austria's hand. The French government has learned from correspondents in the Austrian capital that the government is rushing the mobilization of troops on the Serbian frontier and is spending millions of francs on preparations for active hostilities.

### Flames Entrap Girl Workers

[Associated Press Cable]

CHICAGO, Illinois, Dec. 12.—One hundred and fifty girl workers in a factory here today narrowly escaped cremation when trapped by flames. The fire broke out on the lower floors of one of the skyscrapers early this afternoon, and in five minutes the stairways and elevators were engulfed in dense volumes of smoke, shot with fire. The employees of the factory, led by one of their number, climbed to the roof, smashed the skylights and escaped over the roof to the tops of adjoining buildings. No one was hurt.

### U. S. Sues Horseshoers

[Associated Press Cable]

DETROIT, MICHIGAN, Dec. 12.—The United States district attorney here today began formal proceedings under the Sherman act, against the National Master Horseshoers' Association. This is the latest of the government's "trust buster" suits.

### COMMANDER BACKS SOLDIERS; WHOLE SERVICE IS STIRRED

Col. McGunnegle Rules Against Massmeeting but Officers Resent Horne Statement

The army of Oahu is now a closely knit unit in demanding that the enlisted men be cleared of the alleged stigma placed upon them by President Perley L. Horne, of the Kamehameha Schools, when he made the statement at a public mass meeting that young Hawaiian girls were considered the legitimate prey of soldiers and adventurers from the mainland. The protest voiced by the soldiers of Fort Shafter has spread like wildfire throughout the island posts, and the officers, from the department commander down to the most recently joined second lieutenant are behind the men in their demand for redress and fair dealing from the people of the city and Territory.

This morning Colonel George K. McGunnegle, commanding the department, considered the whole matter for some time, and finally sanctioned an assessment on the plantations commensurate with the actual value, the plantations would simply come back and fight us. And what are we to do."

any action which might be taken by committees of responsible non-commissioned officers, toward protecting the personnel and reputation of the army here and the uniform of the United States from slander. He did not, however, sanction the proposed mass-meeting of soldiers to be held next Sunday night in this city, this being deemed an unwise move, likely to breed further misunderstandings. When the story of the soldiers' stand for what they declare is only fair play was first published in the Star-Bulletin yesterday afternoon, it created a stir in civilian and service circles alike. Many citizens who had heretofore given the matter of Professor Horne's charges against soldiers in connection with the reduction of young girls little or no consideration, now believe that the men who wear the uniform are taking a proper stand to clear their good name. Soldiers of the other posts of the island are naturally in sympathy with the Shafter men, and if there is need for financial assistance they can be counted on to make liberal donations to the fund that is being raised to carry the slander case into the courts. Professor Horne refuses to retract

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